

FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO
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Commissioners Present:

Greg Cox, Chairman
Ken Colling, Vice Chairman
Dr. Nora Faine, Secretary
Dr. Rodger Lum

Commissioner Absent:

Dr. Nancy Bowen

Staff Present:

Laura Spiegel, Executive Director
Denis McGee
Grace Young
Kim Frink
Rick Collantes
Amie Meegan
David Smith, Deputy County Counsel
Patty Kay Danon, District 1

Minutes for April 7, 2003

1. Call to Order

Chairman Cox called the meeting of the First 5 Commission of San Diego to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Opportunity for Public Comments

There were no public comments received on items not on the Agenda.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2003

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Colling, seconded by Commissioner Faine, the Commission approved the minutes of January 27, 2003.

AYES:	Cox, Colling, Faine, Lum
ABSENT:	Bowen
ABSTAIN:	None
NOES:	None

4. Formation of Consent Calendar

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Lum, seconded by Commissioner Colling, the Commission approved the formation of the Consent Calendar, with Item 8 being pulled as a discussion item. There were three requests to speak on Item 8. Item 5 was a public hearing and was not part of the Consent Calendar. The public pulled no items. The remaining items were approved per staff recommendation.

AYES:	Cox, Colling, Faine, Lum
ABSENT:	Bowen
ABSTAIN:	None
NOES:	None

5. Public Hearing

California Children and Families Commission Fiscal Year 2001-02 Annual Report
Commissioner Cox opened and closed the public hearing with no public comments received.

6. State/Staff Report

The Commission received the State/Staff Report, on Consent. No action was taken on this item as it was for information purposes only.

7. TPAC Report

The Commission received the report of the March 17, 2003 TPAC meeting, on Consent.

8. Implementation Plan 2003-2006

Staff member Frink stated that this Implementation Plan will operationalize the Commission's Strategic Plan, which was approved on March 10, 2003. Although the Implementation Plan provides recommended strategies to be funded over the next three fiscal years, it will be reviewed annually and updated by the Commission. Part of the Strategic Planning Committee's recommendations is the continuation of many of the Commission's current strategies including the San Diego CARES to promote education and retention among child care providers, the School Readiness Initiative, Kit for New Parents, parent education, and health and developmental assessments and treatment. The Committee felt that it is important to continue these programs to give them the opportunity to demonstrate results. Staff member Frink also indicated several new strategies that are included in this Plan.

Commissioner Colling reminded the Commission that what is being recommended for approval is the Implementation Plan. The Allocation Plan, which will have recommended funding amounts, will be presented to the Commission next month. He also stated that the comments received from the last Commission meeting were considered and incorporated in this Implementation Plan.

Debra Bullard, a childcare provider addressed the Commission. She commented that she came to know San Diego CARES through the YMCA Childcare Resource Service and feels that it is a good program to have. Having branched out from a small family day care to a large one, she appreciates the program for giving incentives to providers like her to seek education and apply that education for the benefit of the children and their parents. Being a mother of six, she learned so much from this program that she has not learned before. She hopes that the San Diego CARES is one program that the Commission decides to keep.

Manuela Cervantes addressed the Commission with the help of an interpreter. Being a mother of two children ages 10 and 1, she finds the Kit for New Parents to be very useful. She was part of the group of parents that received the Kit for field testing and who gave an opinion on its effectiveness. The Kit has given her useful tips on teething, safety around the house, choosing day care centers, etc. The electric plugs and thermometer included in the Kit came in handy also. She thanked the Commission for having this program.

Rusty Krumm is a family outreach coordinator with The Access Center of San Diego, a non-profit agency serving individuals with disabilities for 25 years. He came in support of the Kit for New Parents and the welcome baby program. He works closely with welcome baby programs and from his experience as an outreach coordinator, he finds that the Kit is providing information that is very useful to the community, especially to the underserved population and to areas that normally do not get this kind of information. He mentioned that he gets a lot of positive comments about the videos that are included in the Kit, how they are not intrusive and very self-explanatory. He commended the Commission for supporting valuable programs for children and families.

Chairman Cox appreciated the public testimonies on behalf of the Commission. He made the following comments relating to the Allocation Plan that will be presented next month:

- With the State's current budget crisis and the impact it is going to have not only on local governments but also on programs being funded by the State, he expressed the need to make sure that Commission funds are being spent as wisely as possible, to get as many services and resources out to the community as possible. The planning/coordinating efforts, needs assessment and consultants referenced in the Implementation Plan take resources away from direct services and should only be pursued as the last option after looking at other local governments and entities to see if they already have conducted an analysis of resources and identified gaps for the 0 to 5 population.
- Recommend that staff do an in-depth review of the AmeriCorps/Vista program and return to the Commission with the findings on whether or not this is still an appropriate program for the Commission or if there are more effective ways to reach out to the underserved communities.
- Request that staff break down the annual administration expenses of \$4 million into the three categories to see how much are the actual administrative expenses, exclusive of public information and education, and evaluation.

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Colling, seconded by Commissioner Lum, the Commission approved the First 5 Commission of San Diego's Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2003-2006.

AYES: Cox, Colling, Faine, Lum
ABSENT: Bowen
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

9. Annual TPAC Membership Application

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Lum, seconded by Commissioner Colling, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to initiate the annual TPAC application process and appointed Commissioners Bowen and Colling to an ad hoc committee to review applications for recommendations to the Commission, on Consent.

AYES: Cox, Colling, Faine, Lum
ABSENT: Bowen
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

10. Kindergarten Teacher Summit

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Lum, seconded by Commissioner Colling, the Commission, on Consent, found that the Kindergarten Teacher Summit is consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan and the Implementation and Allocation Plan for Fiscal Years 2001-2003, furthers the support and improvement of early childhood development within the County, and provides a public benefit; and authorized the Executive Director to host the Kindergarten Teacher Summit on behalf of the Commission.

AYES: Cox, Colling, Faine, Lum
ABSENT: Bowen
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

11. California Children and Families Association Membership Fee

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Lum, seconded by Commissioner Colling, the Commission, on Consent, approved the expenditure of \$10,000 for membership fees to the California Children and Families Association (CCAFA).

AYES: Cox, Colling, Faine, Lum
ABSENT: Bowen
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

12. Data Evaluation System - Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Lum, seconded by Commissioner Colling, the Commission, on Consent, authorized the Executive Director to implement the Proposition 10 Data Evaluation System (PEDS) as the data evaluation system for the Commission in lieu of issuing a Request for Proposal at this time; and requested staff to return to the Commission with a report on the functionality of PEDS and make recommendations after it has been operational for six months.

AYES: Cox, Colling, Faine, Lum
ABSENT: Bowen
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

13. First 5 Commission of San Diego Tagline

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Lum, seconded by Commissioner Colling, the Commission, on Consent, approved "Improving the lives of children 0 to 5" as the tagline for the First 5 Commission of San Diego.

AYES: Cox, Colling, Faine, Lum
ABSENT: Bowen
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

14. Letter of Support

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Lum, seconded by Commissioner Colling, the Commission, on Consent, found that supporting the construction of a new library is consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan, furthers the support and improvement of early childhood development within the County, and provides a public benefit; and authorized the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support indicating the Commission's support for construction of a new main library.

AYES: Cox, Colling, Faine, Lum
ABSENT: Bowen
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

15. Implementation and Allocation Plan Update

The Commission received the Implementation and Allocation Plan status report, on Consent. No action was taken on this report as it was for information purposes only.

16. Civic Engagement

The Commission received the calendar of community engagement activities for April 2003 and May 2003, on Consent. No action was taken on this item as it was for information purposes only.

16. Legislative Update

The Commission received the updated Legislative Summary, on Consent. No action was taken on this item as it was for information purposes only.

17. Future Agenda Items

Items to be discussed at subsequent Commission meetings include:

- Allocation Plan for Fiscal Year 2003-04
- Sunset Review of Commission Policy CFC-003, "Grant Funding Process"
- Approval of Innovative Grant Funding Process Policy
- RFGA 20055 Grant Renewals
- RFGA 20133 Grant Renewals
- In-depth review of Americorps/Vista program
- Kit for New Parents
- San Diego CARES
- Fiscal Year 2003-04 Line Item Budget

19. Adjournment

Chairman Cox adjourned the meeting of the First 5 Commission of San Diego at 2:25 p.m. to reconvene on May 5, 2003.

Notes by Meegan

Respectfully submitted for your review and approval:

Dr. Nora Faine, Secretary

Date